

on the centre of the back, that it is difficult to decide whether they ought not to be assigned to *Idaliella*, for example, see *O. sapelona* Marcus & Marcus (1967, *Malacologia* 6 : 203).

One might therefore question the need for this apparent arbitrary division of species of *Okenia*, and therewith the necessity of protection for the name *Idaliella*, which in my opinion is nothing more than a junior subjective synonym of *Okenia*.

By proper reference to Article 11d, Lemche also quite correctly reduces the substitute name *Cargoa* Vogel & Schultz (1970, *Veliger* 12 : 388) to a junior subjective synonym of *Okenia*. One might also draw attention to the fact that the type species of *Cargoa*, *C. cupella* Vogel & Schultz (*loc. cit.* : 390) from Virginia, U.S.A., appears to be described from small specimens of *Okenia impexa* Marcus (1957, *J. Linn. Soc. Lond., Zool.* 43 : 434) from São Paulo, Brazil, Beaufort, North Carolina, U.S.A. and Mayagüez, Puerto Rico (Marcus & Marcus, 1970 : *Stud. Fauna Curaçao* 33: 74), and as such is a junior synonym of the latter.

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PRESERVATION OF CYMATIIDAE IREDALE, 1913. Z.N.(S.) 1939 (see volume 28, pages 59-61)

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The genus *Ranella* is a well-known one and is already in use as a basis for the subfamily name RANELLINAE, which is the oldest family-group name for those genera now comprising the family CYMATIIDAE. The proposal by Drs. Cernohorsky and Beu simply asks the Commission to prevent the RANELLINAE from becoming the nominotypical subfamily of the group now illegally called the CYMATIIDAE. However, quite an intricate pattern of special procedures are necessary to obtain this goal, as there are many other names available which are older than CYMATIIDAE Iredale, 1913. The inconveniences involved in having to consider special opinions every time taxonomic problems turn up and revisions are to be made are such that they will far outweigh the inconvenience of shifting the name CYMATIIDAE out and replacing it with the well-known name RANELLIDAE.

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I would like to draw attention to the fact that there is in use in zoology a homonymous family-group name CYMATIINAE Hungerford, 1948, in the Insecta, Heteroptera, family CORIXIDAE (1948, *Univ. Kansas Sci. Bull.* 32 : 99). Although the name CYMATIINAE Hungerford, 1948, is a junior homonym of CYMATIIDAE Iredale, 1913, the case becomes complicated by the fact that the taxon CYMATIINAE Hungerford includes only one genus, *Cymatia* Flor, 1860, which has no synonymic names nor ever had any. I think therefore that the applicants should be asked to reconsider the matter as they have in the Gastropod family in question at least two other generic names (*Ranella* Lamarck, 1816, and *Septa* Perry, 1810) from which family-group names could be derived.

In case the applicants agree with my opinion, I should like to add to their application the following points:

- (3) (d) *Cymatia* Flor, 1860 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation by Kirkaldy, 1898, *Sigara coleoptrata* Fabricius, 1776;
 - (4) (d) *coleoptrata* Fabricius, 1776, as published in the binomen *Sigara coleoptrata* (type-species of *Cymatia* Flor, 1860);
- Replacement of (2) (a) CYMATIINAE Hungerford, 1948 (type-genus *Cymatia* Flor, 1860).